

REMARKS

Claims 5-7 are at issue.

The rejected claims have been canceled and are replaced by claims 5-7.

The new claims are concerned with disabling the TV CRT while operating the sound system independently. This avoids the distraction of a lighted but empty CRT screen, saves energy and maintains and extends the life of the CRT and scanning circuits.

Claim 5 calls for a digital sound television system comprising a television set including a CRT for displaying a television picture. A microprocessor unit controls receiving and displaying of the television picture in response to a user's command. Processing means process the sound signal. CRT scanning means include a horizontal scanning means; and the sound signal alone is processed when the television picture displayed by the CRT is shut down. This is described in the specification at page 1, seventh paragraph, lines 3-6.

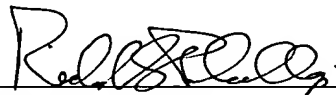
Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and adds a switch for shutting the television picture down. See page 3, paragraph 7, line 4 - page 4, lines 1-10 and Fig. 7, block with legend "Press down sound key and close scanning Close display and sound state LED light up".

Claim 7 depends from claim 5 and specifies that the television picture is shut down in response to a command signal by outputting a control signal to ground a base of a transistor for the horizontal scanning means. See page 3, paragraph 3, lines 4-8.

The art of record does not show the claimed sound system and circuitry for disabling the CRT scanning system.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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